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DAIL UNABLE TO AGREE, WILL MEET IN SECRET

EMERGENCY RENT LAW EXTENSION WILL BE ASKED

Lockwood Committee Members and City Officials in Agreement.

HOME SHORTAGE ACUTE

80,000 Apartments Needed in City—Levy Would Modify Summary Court Procedure

Frank Mann, Tenement House Commissioner, Health Commissioner Copeland, Presiding Justice Aaron J. Levy of the Municipal Court, witnesses to-day before the Lockwood Committee on Housing, were unanimous in urging the extension of the present emergency rent laws.

In opposition to their views President Edwards, non-resident President of the New York Real Estate Board, attempted to convince the committee, without statistics, that there was now no housing emergency. He said statistics would later be presented to his board by Prof. Lindsey of Columbia University.

Stewart Browne of the United Real Estate Owners wanted a drastic revision of the present emergency laws if they were to be extended, in the way of taking discretion away from the Municipal Court Justices in many ways. He also demanded that a 10 per cent. return on the actual value of a property was a fair rent.

Mr. Untermyer questioned the quality of Mr. Browne's representative citizenship by getting from him an admission he had not voted since he came to this country. Mr. Untermyer asserted the committee thought a 7 per cent. return was plenty.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS WAITING TO GO ON STAND.

Building Commissioner Rudolph P. Miller, who is known to hold views similar to those of the other Commissioners, and other public officials were waiting to go on the witness stand this afternoon to ask for extension of the emergency laws, with a view to new features to prevent the hoarding of rents from 50 to 100 per cent. in some instances under the present laws as described by Justice Levy and Mr. Browne.

The landlords' association, obviously profoundly disgusted by the showing made by their representatives this morning, asked and got permission to put other witnesses on the stand this afternoon. Mr. Untermyer warned them they volunteered "at the peril of being made to seem selfish and foolish."

In informal conversations at the noon adjournment, members of the committee were found to be unanimously agreed that the emergency rent laws ought to be extended. Most of them seemed to feel that a two-year extension would meet the emergency. Though Commissioner Mann was doubtful with regard to the results achieved in getting new apartment houses under the Tax Exemption Law, there seemed to be a general agreement that the tax ex-

OUT ON BAIL FOR THIRD TIME WITHIN TWO MONTHS, THOUGH TWO CHARGES ARE UNTRIED

Already Under Bonds for Two Auto Thefts, Roberts Is Released Again.

HE ESCAPES LINE-UP.

Gets Security Quickly After Arrest, Avoiding Police Scrutiny.

The release on bail of persons already under bond on charges of previous crime still continues in this city. The latest instance is that of Jack Roberts of No. 25 Convent Avenue, already at large under two bail bonds, charged with automobile thefts, who is at liberty again to-day under a third bond for the same offense. All three crimes charged against him were committed within two months.

The last bond of \$2,000 was granted last night by Magistrate Nolan, security being furnished by the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, which has offices at No. 17 East 42d Street and No. 139 Broadway. By obtaining bail last night, Roberts "beat the line-up," as police parlance has it, avoiding thus the scrutiny by masked detectives, to which all persons arrested on charges of felony are subjected in the morning at Police Headquarters.

The arrest of Roberts followed an automobile transaction on Dec. 31 with Pietro Rinaldi of No. 331 East 30th Street, who went to Sharlin's authorized Ford car agency in Second Avenue, near Ninth Street, to buy a sedan. Some one there not connected with the establishment who overheard Rinaldi told him he could buy a second-hand car much cheaper and offered to put him in the way of getting it.

This man, according to Rinaldi, introduced him to Roberts, the latter being called "Sam Cohen." Eventually a sale was effected, Rinaldi paying \$150 in cash and giving a check for \$300, dated ahead to Jan. 4 and drawn on the bank of L. Silitti & Sons, No. 217 Avenue A.

Soon after the sale the police were notified that the car Rinaldi bought had been stolen. They were also told of the check, so Detectives McCaddin and Shaver of the Automobile Squad kept an eye on the bank on Jan. 4, awaiting the arrival of some one with Rinaldi's check. The one who came with it was Roberts. He had it in his possession when he was arrested yesterday at 4:30 o'clock. With Roberts was Simon Levy, twenty-two, of No. 399 Kosciuszko Street, Brooklyn. He also was arrested.

Rinaldi at once identified Roberts as the man who had sold him the automobile and the two prisoners were taken to Police Headquarters, presumably for the night, but they finally got bail from Magistrate Nolan and were released each in the same amount. An effort to reach the Magistrate to-day failed, it being said at his home, No. 9 Madison Street, that he was on Staten Island.

In Essex Market Court this afternoon, Magistrate Levine continued the bail in which the men had been released, setting Jan. 16 as the date for examination.

The police records of Roberts show that last November he was arrested in Yonkers charged with the theft of a motor car and was released on \$2,000 bail. On Nov. 15 last, he was arrested for an alleged fur robbery, but was discharged. The very next day he was arrested again on the charge of having stolen an automobile in this city, but was released on bail.

As yet, the police have not discovered the rightful owner of the car Roberts is charged with having sold to Rinaldi.

HANGS FROM LEDGE ON 5TH FLOOR TILL FIREMEN SAVE HIM

Young Man Rescued by Rope When Blaze Surrounds Him in Home.

Firemen Charles Goldstein and James Junior of Truck No. 35, working on the roof of a burning apartment house at No. 255 West 55th Street at 2:30 o'clock this morning, heard faint cries for help from somewhere below.

It had been supposed that all occupants of the house had escaped. Many of them, actors and chorus girls, were gathered in the street, and the flames, which had started in the cellar, were now sweeping up the stairway.

But Joseph A. St. John, who lived on the top floor, had turned back after starting down the stairs. The smoke and heat drove him to the window and he had been obliged to crawl out and hang by his hands.

The firemen on the roof leaned over and saw him. They shouted encouragement and told him to hang on a little longer. Two more firemen were sent up to the roof with a rope, which was looped and lowered to St. John. He was instructed how to hold on with one hand and his knees while he adjusted the rope. Then he was hauled up safely, but almost exhausted.

Mrs. Jeanette Moriarty, who lived on the fourth floor, was the first to smell smoke from the dumb waiter shaft. She roused everybody else in the house and all but St. John, whose room was in the apartment of Mrs. Eleanor Jacobson, got down by way of the stairs.

Raymond Walsh, seventeen, son of the new janitor, Mrs. Mary Walsh, carried his two little sisters, Helen, seven, and Ruth, four, to the street. They live on the first floor rear and were aroused by the screams of little Ruth, who had been awakened by the smoke and flames.

When Deputy Chief King arrived fire was shooting from the roof and rear windows and he sent a second alarm.

Nurses in Roosevelt Hospital, which is in the next block, told the patients who had heard the clang and clatter of arriving fire apparatus that there was nothing to worry about.

About 100 families in adjoining buildings gathered in the street to watch the firemen until all danger was over. The damage was about \$20,000.

SERVANT GIRLS FIND FEWER JOBS AND HUSBANDS

Domestics "Fly by Night" No More, Says Employment Head.

Servant girls think twice nowadays before they quit their good jobs.

The type of "fly-by-night" domestic is rapidly disappearing because often there is no place to fly to.

Not only are the chances of getting another place not so good, but the chance of getting a husband with a good job is almost negligible.

This information is part of the report of L. H. Sullivan, director of the City Employment Bureau in West Street.

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HART ENTERS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY OF RUM CONSPIRACY

Former State Prohibition Director and 3 Others Arraigned in Federal Court.

FOUR PLACED ON BAIL

One Indicted Man Fails to Appear and His Arrest Is Ordered.

Former State Prohibition Director Harold L. Hart, Thomas M. Reddy, who acted as his assistant; Charles J. Steinberg and Bonfiglio Venusti, dealers in drugs, four of the remaining five individuals indicted early in December for conspiracy to defraud the Government who did not appear yesterday afternoon were arraigned to-day before Federal Judge Knox to-day. Through counsel they entered pleas of not guilty. Bail was fixed at \$5,000 in each case and was promptly furnished.

John La Penna, one of the sixteen individuals indicted, failed to appear. A bench warrant for his arrest was issued.

Those who appeared and were held in \$5,000 bail yesterday were William A. Orr, who acted as secretary to Gov. Whitman; Michael J. Lynch, a clerk in the Prohibition Director's office; Owen B. Murphy and Thomas E. Duffy, prominent Bronx Tammany politicians; Herman Levin, Max Gordon, Barney Braustein, Louis Hillman, John Gorini, Nathan Feld and Arthur Kraus. Also appeared yesterday by counsel, the Central Drug Company, the Alps Drug Company, the Reliance Distributing Company and the S. & B. Specialty Drug Company.

Thomas B. Felder, who is personal counsel to Hart and Reddy and associate counsel to most of the other defendants, said that the pleas of not guilty were tentative, and he asked for time in which to prepare motions. Judge Knox set Jan. 16 as the date for the re-arraignment of all the defendants. At that time Col. Felder, J. Robert Rubin, counsel to Orr, and Millard D. Ellison, counsel to Steinberg, and the other lawyers acting for individuals and corporations will probably join in a demurrer to the indictment.

Col. Felder carried into court an impression that the indictment charges conspiracy to violate the Volstead Act. District Attorney Haywood informed the court that the Volstead act, District Attorney proceeding except that the accused former Government officials held offices created by the Volstead Act.

"This is a plain, every-day indictment of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government," said Col. Haywood. "Although the Government did not suffer any pecuniary loss."

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PRESIDENT OBJECTS TO BEING ORDERED

Said to Have So Expressed Himself on Nomination to Federal Reserve.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—President Harding is willing to appoint a representative of agricultural interests to membership on the Federal Reserve Board but he objects to being "ordered" to do so by Congress.

This is Mr. Harding's attitude on the pending Senate bill for appointment of a "Dirt Farmer" on the board, as expressed by Mr. Harding to-day to Senators Kellogg, Kenyon and Capper at the White House.

KILLED BY SON'S ENGINE.
SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 5.—After waving his hand to his son, the fireman on the engine of a Big Four passenger train speeding toward him, Thomas Donohue Jr., sixty-four years old, ended his life by stepping in front of the train yesterday.

BANDITS KILL BANK PRESIDENT AND WOUND POLICE OFFICIAL IN \$12,000 PAYROLL HOLD-UP

Messenger Also Shot in Daylight Street Robbery in Chicago Suburb.

ALL ROADS GUARDED.

Head of Bank Was Slain as He Attempted to Draw Revolver.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—John Soffel, President of the Maywood State Bank, was shot and killed, and Louis Sweeney, Chief of Police of the suburb, and Arthur Benson, a bank messenger, were wounded to-day when five bandits robbed them of a \$12,000 payroll for the Maywood plant of the American Can Company.

The robbery occupied less than three minutes, the robbers heading toward Chicago. The holdup was only two blocks from the bank.

Chief Sweeney was shot under the right arm and Benson in the side. The latter's injuries are serious. Sweeney, despite his wound, ran to the bank and turned in the alarm. Chicago police dispatched three rifle squads and placed guards on all roads from Maywood. The suburb is eleven miles west of the loop.

Chief Sweeney said Mr. Soffel stood up and attempted to draw his revolver when he was shot dead.

Coroner Peter Hoffman personally impelled the Coroner's Jury to investigate the bank president's murder, and in an address to the jury-men bitterly denounced the State Parole Law and the release from Joliet Penitentiary last spring of two Chicago automobile bandits who killed a woman yesterday. The release became public yesterday.

ONE KILLED, TWO SHOT IN LIVESTOCK MARKET

Horse Buyer Slain in Crowded Lobby of Kansas City Exchange.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 5.—Harry Bremer of Des Moines, Ia., a horse buyer, was shot and killed and Adolph Ibrahim, Cedar Rapids, Ia., and W. B. Hall, Kansas City, were wounded when, according to witnesses, Frank Thompson, a stock raiser of Olathe, Kan., opened fire on Bremer in the crowded lobby of the live stock exchange here to-day.

It is said Bruener and Thompson had quarreled over a gambling debt.

EX-TRAINMEN GET BAIL IN \$250,000 THEFT PLOT

Former New York Central Employees Arraigned in White Plains.

As a result of the activity of State troopers and railroad detectives, a former yardmaster and several brakemen and trainmen of the Hudson River Division of the New York Central were arraigned before Supreme Court Justice Young in White Plains to-day, to answer indictments charging the theft of \$250,000 worth of merchandise from freight cars in the last ten years.

Most of the men live between Chatham and White Plains. Through their attorneys they pleaded not guilty and were released on bail bonds ranging from \$200 to \$500.

FORGAN UNDER KNIFE IN OMAHA HOSPITAL

Official of National City Bank Stricken With Appendicitis.

OMAHA, Jan. 5.—Robert Forgan, Assistant Vice President of the National City Bank of New York, underwent an operation for appendicitis at a local hospital here to-day. His condition is reported favorable.

Mr. Forgan arrived in Omaha a few days ago on a visit to his wife's parents and was stricken with the malady.

U. S. ATTORNEY IN JERSEY RESIGNS.

TRENTON, Jan. 5.—Elmer H. Jernan, United States District Attorney for New Jersey, announced to-day that Attorney General Daugherty had accepted his resignation, effective Feb. 15. The resignation was requested by the Attorney General in line with the policy of removing offices of United States Attorney and United States Marshals from Democratic control.

DAIL SPLIT OVER DE VALERA DEMANDS, IS COMPELLED TO ADJOURN TILL TO-MORROW

Leaders Fail to Reach Agreement Between Two Short Sessions and Decide on Over-Night Recess in Hope of Overcoming Differences.

DUBLIN, Jan. 5 (Associated Press).—The Dail Eireann, after holding brief morning and afternoon sessions to-day without making further progress in consideration of the Anglo-Irish treaty, adjourned late this afternoon until to-morrow morning, when it will meet in private session to hear the report of the unofficial committee which is trying to find a basis upon which an agreement might be reached.

During the recess a joint meeting of leaders opposing and favoring the treaty held a meeting and canvassed various possibilities for reaching an agreement, but without avail.

ASSASSIN FAILS TO KILL OFFICIAL

Youth Seriously Wounds Egyptian Crimes Department Head and Escapes.

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 5 (Associated Press).—Hadielaine Bey, controller of the Egyptian Government Crimes Department, narrowly escaped assassination to-day at the hands of a student.

The Controller was seriously wounded by a revolver shot. He returned the fire and pursued his assailant, but the latter escaped.

HAYS NOT SIGNED ON MOVIE POST

Postmaster General Denies He Has Affixed Name to Big Contract.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Postmaster General Hays to-day denied that he already had signed a contract to become head of the motion picture industry of the United States.

"It is not true," he said, referring to published reports of the contract signing. "There is nothing to add to my statement given out in New York Monday. There is no change in the situation as then indicated."

ROBBERS "PREDOMINATED" OWN HOLD-UP METHOD

So Dixon Tells Court After Admitting Guilt.

George Dixon, twenty-five years old, of No. 123 Post Avenue, the Bronx, pleaded guilty to-day before County Judge Haskell in Brooklyn to a charge of robbery in the third degree. He admitted having held up three United Cigar Stores in Brooklyn, one of them twice. He "bluffed" the clerks by pretending to have a revolver in his pocket.

Asked to-day if any one assisted him, he replied: "I predominated this method of attack. It was original with me."

He said he lives with his fiancée's parents. Dixon was given a suspended sentence last March in the Court of Special Sessions in Manhattan on a charge of petty larceny.

NEW ARBUCKLE TRIAL TO START ON MONDAY

Lawyers for Both Sides Hold Preliminary Conference.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Attorneys for the prosecution and defense in the Roscoe (Patty) Arbuckle trial conferred to-day preparatory to Arbuckle's second trial, scheduled for Monday.

It is likely that a delay of one week will be asked, but neither side would say whether such a delay was to be asked.

MERCHANT DIES IN MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING

August Champion, fifty-four years old, a Princeton, N. J., merchant, died suddenly this afternoon on the seventh floor of the Mutual Life Building on Nassau Street. The police said that Champion a few hours earlier had collapsed at a subway station and had been given temporary treatment for acute indigestion.

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